



KENTUCKY VETERANS PROGRAM TRUST FUND

Minutes

14 December 2016

Chairperson Norman Arflack called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Roll Call

- ❖ Melissa DeAnne Hall (KDVA Executive Secretary) called roll.
- ❖ **Members Present:** Chairperson Norman Arflack (KDVA), Vice-Chairperson Heather French Henry, Ted Austin (Am Legion), Joe Doebler (AMVETS), COL Michael Ferguson (Kentucky National Guard, but not appointed as of meeting date), Dave Jarrett (DAV), Carlos Pugh (At-Large), and Larry Roberts (Governor's Advisory Board)
- ❖ **Members Absent:** Carl Kaelin (VFW), and Richard Eisert (JECVO)
- ❖ The majority of voting members were present to satisfy a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

- ❖ Approval of Minutes from previous meeting(s)
 - ✓ Board approved minutes from 7 September 2016 meeting as presented.
 - ✓ Board approved the request to amend the 11 December 2015 minutes to show the obligation of \$50,000 to the Kentucky Veterans Home instead of VisionWorks.

Approval of Finance Report

- ❖ Activity Report – FY 17 (July 2016 – June 2017) Period Ending November 2016
 - ✓ Board approved Finance Report as presented.

Old Business

- ❖ Byron Marlowe with Life Adventure Center & Lindsey Gargotto of Athena Sisters updated the board members on the female veteran retreat that received money from the Trust Fund.
- ❖ Pennyroyal Center – Jeff Broadbent
 - ✓ Organization requested funding at the 7 September 2016 to assist in purchasing a van to transport resident veterans to and from their medical appointments. The Board requested they return with estimates to purchase a van – **\$30,000**
 - The Board voted to obligate **\$20,000** toward the request.

New Business

❖ NABVETS – Dr. Jim Thurman

- ✓ Funding to assist the organization in continuing and expanding the services they are now providing to veterans throughout the Commonwealth - **\$46,873**
 - The Board voted to obligate **\$2,100** toward the request.

❖ Russell Co. Honor Guard – Frank Irvin & LTC (Ret) Larry Rogers

- ✓ Funding to assist in purchasing a van to transport members to and from burials and other events they participate in - **\$15,000**
 - The Board voted to approve **\$10,000** and requested the Trust Fund be recognized as a donor/supporter.

❖ Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame – Gary Griesser & Jim Claypoole

- ✓ Funding to help offset expenses and operational cost of the KY Veterans Hall of Fame. – **\$25,000**
 - Board voted to approve **\$5,000** to help offset expenses and operational cost of the KY Veterans Hall of Fame and requested the Trust Fund be recognized as a donor/supporter.

❖ Honor Flight Kentucky – George Campbell & Phil Pittman

- ✓ Funding to assist in the expense of transporting WW II, Korea, and Vietnam veterans to Washington, DC for the day to visit military memorials and Arlington Cemetery – **\$25,000.**
 - The Board voted to approve **\$25,000** and requested the Trust Fund be recognized as a donor/supporter.

❖ Lady Veterans Connect – Sherry Whitehouse & Angie Hawkins

- ✓ Funding to host a spring conference for female veterans as well as active duty women. This will provide a forum where the women can share their concerns and needs – **\$14,376.**
 - The Board voted to approve the requested **\$10,000** and requested the Trust Fund be recognized as a donor/supporter.

❖ Spirit of Sophia – Dana Walker

- ✓ Funding to provide scholarships to ten (10) women veterans to attend a day retreat on 25 March 2017 titled “Healing the World from the Inside Out” – **\$950**
 - The Board voted to obligate to the requested **\$950**, and requested the Trust Fund be recognized as a donor/supporter.

❖ The Radcliff Veterans Center Tribute – Clint Meshew & Walter Reed

- ✓ Funding to assist in the construction of a memorial to be placed at the entrance to the Radcliff Veterans Center - **\$25,000**
 - The Board voted to obligate **\$10,000** and requested the Trust Fund be recognized as a donor/supporter.

❖ Vietnam Veterans of America State Council – Jack & Kathy Mattingly

- ✓ Funding to assist with the purchase of a Vietnam Traveling Wall for the State of Kentucky - **\$26,430**
 - The Board voted to deny the request. They suggested the organization raise some of the money and come back for reconsideration.

❖ Kentucky Historical Society – Kentucky Whitworth, Julie Kemper & Bill Bright

- ✓ Funding to assist with a new exhibit to the west side of the state arsenal’s 2nd floor. The exhibit will focus on COL George M. Chinn – **\$25,000**
 - The Board voted to obligate **\$15,000** and requested the Trust Fund be recognized as a donor/supporter.

❖ Dancing Well – Deborah Denenfeld, Roosevelt Smith, III

- ✓ Funding to be used for recreational, physical and social outlets for veterans and loved ones affected by PTSD or brain injury. Funds will cover the expenses of two (2) ten-session dance series. – **\$25,000**
 - The Board voted to table the request and ask they come back with more information.

❖ KDVA Commissioner’s Office

- ✓ Funding for the purchase of Kentucky State Flags. The flags will be given to individuals as they retire or reenlist and serve aboard the USS Kentucky – **\$1,000**.
 - Board voted to approve the requested **\$1,000**.

Discussion

Next Meeting

- ❖ Date: 8 March 2016
- ❖ Time: 10:00 A.M.
- ❖ Place: KY Department of Veterans Affairs
Conference Room

Adjournment

- ❖ There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn.
 - ✓ Motion for adjournment was approved unanimously.



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Chairperson
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